

Amendments to the Specification

1. Please amend the title as follows:

OXAZOLIDINONE PIPERAZINYL DERIVATIVES AS POTENTIAL
ANTIMICROBIALS

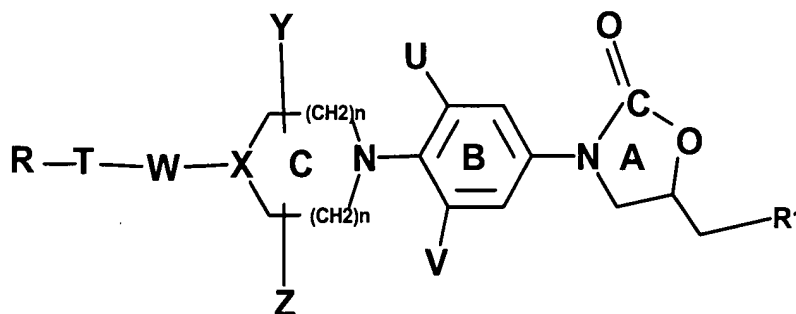
2. Regarding the priority claim, please add the following cross-reference paragraph after the title:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a continuation in part of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of, United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/906,215, filed July 16, 2001.

3. Please amend the Abstract as follows:

“The present invention relates to certain substituted phenyl piperazinyl oxazolidinones, for example, to those having the structure of Formula I



FORMULA I

with the variables as defined within, and to processes for the synthesis of the same. This invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing the compounds of the present invention as antimicrobials. The compounds are useful antimicrobial agents, effective against a number of human and veterinary pathogens, including gram-positive aerobic bacteria such as multiply-resistant staphylococci, streptococci and enterococci as well as anaerobic organisms such as *Bacterioides* spp. and *Clostridia* spp. species, and acid fast organisms such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, *Mycobacterium avium* and *Mycobacterium* spp.”